



# Preparedness at a Glance

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## On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

Report Quarterly in Catalyst

### Core Deliverables

- **Building Local preparedness for Infectious Diseases: Zika 2016** Contact: [JamesR.House@ky.gov](mailto:JamesR.House@ky.gov) for more information.  
The funding is intended to address Zika Virus Disease planning and operational response gaps and to enable jurisdictions to provide emergency management response support that exceeds their normal capacity. Upload by **June 30, 2017**.

**MRC Deliverables** Contact: [Heather.Walls@ky.gov](mailto:Heather.Walls@ky.gov) for more information.

- Participate in two KDPH KHELPS drills.

**EPI Deliverables** Contact: [Katie.Myatt@ky.gov](mailto:Katie.Myatt@ky.gov) for more information.

- Regional Epidemiologists will build local preparedness for Ebola and other infectious diseases. Resources include Infectious Disease Risk Assessment Tool, KDPH Environmental Toolkit, KDPH Clinical Toolkit and EPI Zika Activity Tracking Document Template. - By **June 10, 2017**.

**HPP Deliverables** Contact: [RickD.Johnson@ky.gov](mailto:RickD.Johnson@ky.gov) for more information.

- **Administration and Reporting**  
Maintain/update the contact information for HCC partners in the Health Alert Network (HAN) **and** submit contact lists no later than September 30, 2016 and **March 31, 2017**.

**CRI Deliverables** Contact: [LloydW.Peniston@ky.gov](mailto:LloydW.Peniston@ky.gov) for more information.

- Each LHD jurisdiction will conduct a minimum of **3** operational based RAND drills and submit to the KDPH CRI Coordinator.

## Preparedness Branch Leadership Changes

Effective January 1, 2017, the Preparedness Branch had a few changes and transitions in leadership roles. Jim House is now the Interim Branch Manager. Jim has worked for the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) since December 2007. During this time, he has served as the Exercise Program Coordinator and Planning Coordinator responsible for developing, conducting, and evaluating state-level exercises and emergency operation plans. Most recently, he served as the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Supervisor where he supervised seven Healthcare Preparedness Coordinators and oversaw preparedness programs in 13 Healthcare Coalitions. Rick Johnson is now the Interim HPP Supervisor. Most recently, Rick served as the HPP Coordinator and the Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator for Regions 3, 5, and 6. Prior to HPP, he was the Administration and Program Evaluation Section Supervisor and Exercise Program Coordinator. Rebecca Gillis, former Branch Manager, was appointed Division Director for Public Health Protection and Safety, effective December 16, 2016. The Preparedness Branch will transition under her supervision in the coming weeks.



## KDPH says farewell to

**Sarah Cunliffe of Woodford County Health Department, who retired on December 31, 2016.**

**&**

**Amanda Bogard of Barren River District, who accepted a position with FEMA in Washington, DC.**

## Branch News:

### Employees of the Year

On December 6, 2016, the Kentucky Department for Public Health's Preparedness Branch held their branch staff meeting at the Lincoln Trail District Health Department. Meeting highlights included discussion of regional and state updates, local health department special projects, discussion of capabilities, Pikeville Medical Center Exercise, and future trainings and exercises.

### KDPH Frankfort Staff of the Year for 2016



Jeff Brock



Grant Gillion

### KDPH Field Staff of the Year for 2016



Jasie Logsdon, HPC Regions 4 & 14



John Hunt, RPC Region 10

## Local News:

### Montgomery County Health Department held meeting with Arsenic Residents

Submitted by Sandra Glover, Regional Preparedness Coordinator, Region 8/9



Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) held a community meeting for the Residents of Long Lane as the arsenic investigation continues. They analyzed residents nail/toe clippings and also provided them with a letter for their healthcare providers. This investigation has been a joint effort between MCHD, Department for Public Health, Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Kentucky.



## HPP News:

### Kentucky HPP Region 4 goes to Anniston

Submitted by Janarae Conway, Barren River District Health Department

The Healthcare Emergency Area 4 Resource Team (HEART) had the great honor of being asked to participate in the first pilot healthcare coalition response leadership course that was held at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, AL the week of September 26 through September 30, 2016. The HEART members who attended included Bill Edwards (TJ Samson Hospital), Joyce Noe (Logan Memorial Hospital), Jim Williams (Medical Center EMS), Janarae Conway (Barren River District Health Department), Dennis Datin (Logan Memorial Hospital), and Jim House (Department for Public Health). Nevada and Virginia also sent personnel from mature healthcare coalitions to represent their healthcare, public health, emergency management, and EMS coalition members. The group consensus was that this course is an ideal learning resource for a newly formed or young coalition, and could serve as a refresher for mature coalitions.



Throughout the three days of training and tabletop exercises, the participants learned about other coalitions across the nation and their ongoing planning, organizing, equipping, training, exercise, and real-world activities. Even though the three coalitions at the course were known to be some of the best in the country, each was at a different level of maturity. This provided an excellent opportunity for group discussion, which was educational for both students and instructors. As Dennis Datin from Logan Memorial said, "I have been a part of several coalitions across the nation. This one (HEART) is the better organized and looks out for the region."

Kentucky's participants left with the feeling that HEART was headed in the right direction, that while also realizing that we still have lots of work left to do at both regional and state levels.

at the regional and state level. As Bill Edwards from TJ Samson stated, "We are ahead of most, but we still have improvements to make."

### State and Local Healthcare Preparedness Staff Attended the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in Washington, DC

Submitted by C. Gail Timperio, HPC Regions 12 & 13 and Jasie Logsdon, HPC Regions 4 & 14

Amanda Bogard, HEART Coalition Chair (Region 4), Jasie Logsdon, Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator Regions 4 & 14, and Gail Timperio, Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator Regions 12 & 13 attended the fifth annual National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in Washington, DC, December 12-14, 2016. As speaker Dr. Nicole Lurie, HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, noted during her presentation, this conference has grown in five years from its original number of 150 attendees to over 1,000 in attendance at this year's conference. Featured speakers included Dr. Lurie, Tom Ridge (the First Secretary of U.S. Department of Homeland Security), and Melissa Harvey, RN, MSPH, Director of the Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. Jasie Logsdon presented a poster entitled "Enhancing Partner and Community Awareness of Healthcare Coalition Assets", which discussed the Region 14 Resource Book and Resource Showcase as ways to increase awareness of

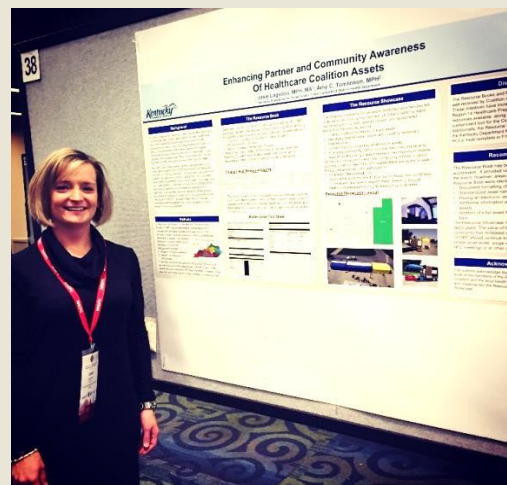
the coalition within the community. With over 60 posters presented, and with over 40 break-out sessions to choose from, there was a plethora of learning and networking opportunities.

Break-out sessions focusing on the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Preparedness Rule were so well attended that they had to be moved into the main ballroom. One of the take homes from these sessions included the fact that HPP funding may not be used by individual healthcare organizations to meet the requirements of the CMS rule, but may be used by HCCs to provide technical assistance to members. CMS staff also announced that interpretive guidelines for the rules will be issued from their division in the spring of 2017. The volume of questions posed by attendees at the end of these presentations made it clear that most healthcare entities and coalitions are still working on processing these changes and will look forward to the issuance of these interpretive guidelines.

There were many other sessions covering a variety of topics, including pediatric preparedness; mass casualty planning, response, and recovery; and coalition development and sustainment. These sessions, along with the numerous posters, offered valuable information that can be shared with coalitions in Kentucky. The conference also provided the opportunity to network with partners in other states, including the HHS Region IV states and federal partners.

Melissa Harvey's presentation began with a summary of the HPP program. She stated that there has been a 63% growth nationwide in healthcare coalition membership since Budget Period 1 of this current 5-year grant period. Ms. Harvey then provided information on the new HPP Capabilities for the upcoming 5-year grant period, beginning July 1, 2017. There are 4 capabilities for the new 5-year grant period – Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness; Health Care and Medical Response Coordination; Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery; and Medical Surge. From those capabilities, HHS has developed performance measures to track program implementation, gauge performance, and communicate results. She emphasized that 50% of the HPP performance measures in the new five year grant period are exercise based. Healthcare coalitions will use the 28 performance measures (6 of which apply only to islands) to allow the HPP program to objectively track trends in engagement, communication, patient care and continuous learning. Of the 28 measures, 8 can be captured during an approximately 4 -hour coalition surge exercise and 2 measures can be captured during a communication exercise. More technical information and documentation from the ASPR HPP administration will be forthcoming.

Attendance at this conference provided a valuable opportunity for learning and networking. The information obtained from the sessions will be shared with KDPH Preparedness Branch staff and local healthcare coalition coordinators for consideration and implementation at the local, regional, and state level. **(Pictured below: Tom Ridge, Keynote Speaker for the Opening Session and Jasie Logsdon)**



## Trainings:

### Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness MGT- 439

FEMA training offered at the **Floyd County Rescue Squad** on **March 15-16 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. CEUs are available!**

For more information please contact, [Kimberly.Hall@ky.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Hall@ky.gov) or phone: (606) 886-2788 Ext. 246.

### Radiological Training for Hospital Personnel

**FREE Training and FREE CEUs** available!! **LOCATIONS:** U of L Hospital on 1/10/17, The Jewish Hospital on 1/11/17 and Norton Women's and Children's Hospital on 1/12/17.

\*\*\*See attached flyer for additional information on both trainings.

## Meetings:

**One Health Awareness Kentucky at Salato Wildlife Education Center**  
**Ebola Workshop, TBD**  
**Preparedness Summit, Atlanta, GA**

**January 17, 2017**  
**March 2017**  
**April 25-28, 2017**

### Public Information Officer (PIO) Training at WEDCO District Health Department

Scott County Health Department (WEDCO) held a Two Day PIO Training on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1, 2016. There were 21 staff trained as spokespersons/PIOs. The next training tentatively scheduled for late August 2017 in southwestern Kentucky, more information to follow.

For more information about PIO Trainings contact Barbara Fox at [BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov](mailto:BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov).



## Newsletter Submissions

Please send suggestions or articles that you would like to see included in the newsletter. We welcome the chance to highlight your activities, overview of your programs, projects and trainings. Please submit articles for the newsletter to [Teddy.Slone@ky.gov](mailto:Teddy.Slone@ky.gov) by **January 26, 2017**.

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## Calendar Reminders

### January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday KDPH and LHDs will be closed



### February 2

Groundhog Day

### February 14

Valentine's Day



### February 20

Presidents Day